

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.

Called To Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Jackson, Sylvester, Pearson, Thornton, Richard and Walker.

Absent were Commissioners Booth and Filippi.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq.

Minutes:

Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester to approve the Fire Board minutes for September 9, 2014.

New Business:

APPEAL #140091: Mr. Steven Draper, for the property located at 45 High Street, Block Island (Eureka Hotel). DSFM Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester

made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Thornton and Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days to provide this facility with approved smoke detector, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140091: Mr. Steven Draper, for the property located at 1 Spring Street, Block Island (Manisses Hotel). DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days to install a manual fire box in the dining area of Garden Terrace exits and to have sprinkler protection in the rear and front decks, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board authorizes the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadline if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL#140092: Mr. Steven Draper, for the property located at 43 Spring Street, Block Island (1661 Inn). DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety(90) days to correct the following issues; installing approved self-closing devices on all doors

throughout the facility, installing an approved guard/handrail for the stairway on the second floor of this facility, providing the area of the Nicholas Ball House SNAC panel with an approved smoke detector, installing approved fire alarm protection for the enclosed porch dining area, installing approved carbon monoxide alarms in the Colfax & Cassius suites and the Nicholas Ball House, installing an approved exterior horn/strobe notification appliance at the Nicholas Ball House and to install approved handrail from the roof exit to the exterior stair, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board authorized the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140103: Mr. Steven Draper, for the property located at 5 Spring Street, Block Island (Mitchell Cottage). Chief Wade Palazini and DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a variance from providing sprinkler protection, but must provide total fire alarm coverage throughout this facility. The Board directs the Applicant to provide the appropriate fire alarm battery calculations prior to occupancy. The Board directs the Applicant to provide approved IMSA cable for all direct burial or aerial installations prior to occupancy of this facility, at the direction and to the satisfactions of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140095: Mr. Roy Savasta, for the property located at 545 Woonasquatucket Avenue, North Providence. ADSFM John Horan and ADSFM Michael Rizzo appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard and Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the following issues; for the installation of an approved fire alarm system throughout this facility, to provide any furnace or boiler with domestically supplied sprinkler head, providing this facility with an key access box, providing approved exit signs, providing the main door from the sanctuary of this facility with approved panic hardware, enclosing the top of the opening of stair at the rear of the sanctuary and providing approved handrails, at the direction and the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to maintain the single means of egress from the sanctuary based on existing conditions. The Applicant was granted variance based on structural hardship to be allowed to maintain the two (2) existing stairs having width of twenty-nine (29) inches based on existing conditions and an additional one hundred (150) days to implement that plan. The Board authorizes the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140096: Coventry Park & Recreation Department, for the

property located at 1277 Main Road, Coventry. ADSFM David Godin appeared for the Central Coventry Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days by treating all plywood paneling in the egress system with an approved flame spread treatment (intumescent paint), at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Central Coventry Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Chairman Newbrook appointed the following commissioners to the Rules & Regulations Subcommittee: Blackburn, Jackson, Pearson and Richard. Advisory members will be DSFM Caron and representatives from the FCOARI and RIAFC.

Correspondences / Announcements:

Commissioner Sylvester announced that Representative Corvese will be introducing legislation this session to ban all fireworks. Chief Deputy Gumbley reported that their office is in support of this. This topic to be discuss under old business at the September 23, 2014 hearing.

Commissioner Sylvester offered his congratulations to Vice Chairman Blackburn on his recent appointment. Chairman Newbrook offered his appreciation to Commissioner Filippi for her service in the past as Vice Chairperson.

Open Forum / Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to adjourn meeting at 1:50 P.M.